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SUBJECT: STUDY OF IAEA PLUTONIUM STORAGE

- 1. DELEGATION HAS DISCUSSED WITH FISCHER AND PAPADIMITROPOULOS (SECRETARIAT MEMBER WITH ACTION RESPONSIBILITY) AGENCY PLANS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF IAEA PLUTONIUM STORAGE.
- 2. JAMES OF UK DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY WILL ARRIVE MONDAY, JUNE 20 FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AS CONSULTANT TO AGENCY. PURPOSE IS TO REVIEW LATEST DRAFT (AMENDED THIRD DRAFT) OF FISCHER PAPER, FOR FACTUAL ACCURACY AND FOR SUGGESTED EXPANSIONS OR ADDITIONS. AGENCY DOES NOT INTEND TO SEPARATE CONSIDERATION OF IAEA SPENT FUEL STORAGE FROM IAEA STORAGE OF SEPARATED PLUTONIUM ALTHOUGH EXPECTS JAMES TO EMPHASIZE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LATTER. MEETING LATER IN JUNE ON TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF SPENT FUEL STORAGE IS CONSIDERED FOLLOW-UP TO RFCC STUDY, NOT PART OF SUBJECT PLUTONIUM STORAGE STUDY.

3. FISCHER EXPECTS TO RECEIVE LETTERS FROM UK, FRG, NETHERLANDS AND BRAZIL

ASKING AGENCY TO INITIATE CONSIDERATION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PLUTONIUM STORAGE CONCEPT. INTENTION WOULD BE FEBRUARY BOARD ACTION FORMALLY REQUESTING SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE IMPLEMENTATION STUDY.

- 4. DEL OFF HAS CONFIRMED WITH UK GOVERNOR HERZIG THAT UK HAS SAME VIEW OF JAMES' VISIT (I.E. COMMENT ON LATEST FISCHER DRAFT), AND THAT JAMES WOULD NOT RPT NOT UNDERTAKE ANY DRAFTING DIRECTLY RELATED TO IMPLEMENTATION OF PLUTONIUM STORAGE FOR URENCO-BRAZIL DEAL.
- 5. AGENCY REPEATED REQUEST FOR U.S. CONSULTANT.
 MISSION BELIEVES IN VIEW OF U.S. SENSITIVITY
 ON SUBJECT, PRESENCE OF U.S. CONSULTANT
 TOGETHER WITH JAMES WOULD BE DESIRABLE. LESS
 DESIRABLE OPTION WOULD BE FOR MISSION TO MONITOR
 JAMES' COMMENTS AND PROVIDE PARALLEL INPUT BASED ON
 EXISTING U.S. POSITION, AND ANY MORE SPECIFIC
 COMMENTS WASHINGTON CAN PROVIDE ON FISCHER DRAFT.
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